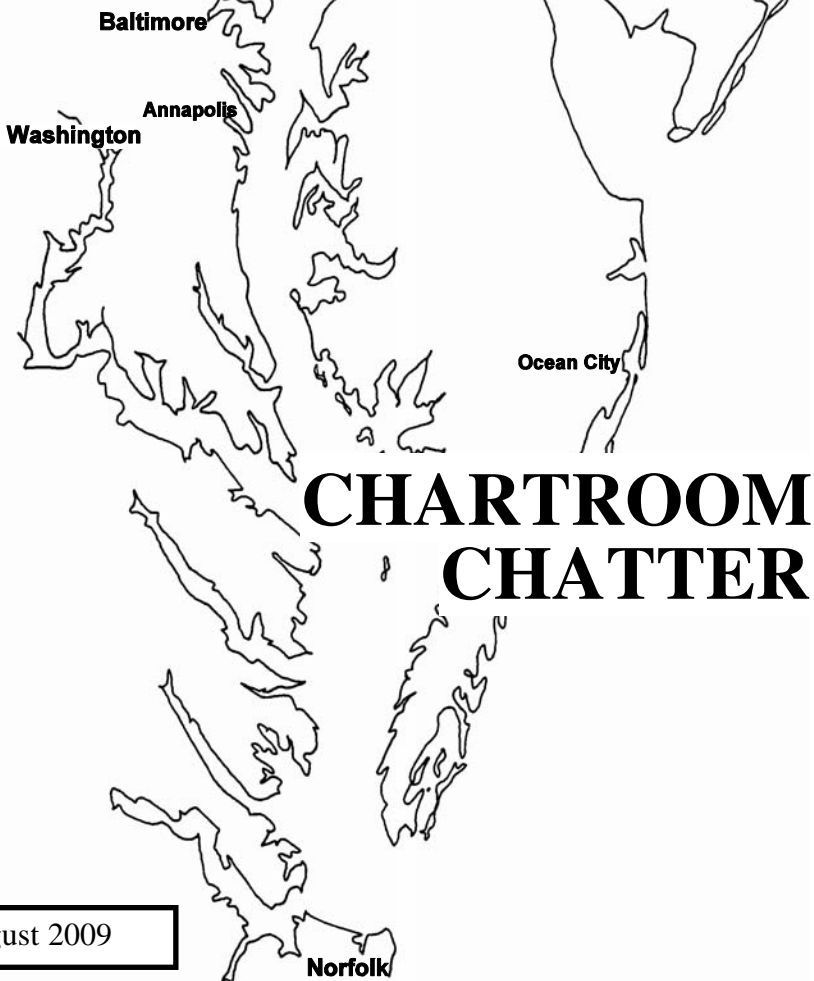


# Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



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**CBYCA, THE BOATER'S VOICE**

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The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is a non-profit, volunteer association of Yacht Clubs located throughout the five state Chesapeake Bay Region. Its purpose is to represent the interests of recreational boating at the national, state and local levels of government, and to promote boating safety and education. For information, visit the CBYCA homepage at:

**WWW.CBYCA.ORG** or contact

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## Commodore's Corner

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I would like to thank P/C Coles Marsh and his Nominating Committee for all the hard work they have put into recommending a slate of officers to lead the CBYCA in the year 2010. I have reviewed the recommendations and all listed have my 100% support.

I really enjoyed attending the openings this past season. Openings contain a very important function in the Yacht Club Community. Experiencing the different ways Yacht Clubs govern themselves can be very beneficial to an officer coming up through the ranks. Getting to know officers in other clubs, gives one an outlet to bounce ideas and solutions to problems off of each other. There are always P/C's with abundant knowledge that can be tapped at these functions as well. I can remember on several occasions, going to an opening with a problem I was dealing with and after discussing it with a few individuals, coming back to BRYC (my home club) with a solution. It is also a WONDERFUL place to enjoy good company, good food and a few libations. I want to thanks all of our board members and delegates for representing CBYCA at the openings this year. I would like to say a special thanks to P/C Fred Levitan, Historian Tom Powers, P/C Joe Hellner and Secretary Gail Helm for joining myself at numerous openings this season.

Our boating community has had several members fall ill this season, maybe I am just paying attention more this year as I am getting older, or because I spent a few days in the hospital recently for a broken knee. My mom always says, "you never miss your health until it is gone" and she is right. Take care of yourself and never take your health for granted.

In closing here is an Irish Toast to your Health;

"May your health troubles be as few and far between  
As my grandmother's teeth."

Till Next Month, Kevin



## Vice Commodore's Report

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Ahoy there! Hope you all are enjoying boating and this wonderful summer weather. After a month off, we are back on board for the continuation of our CBYCA Board and Delegates Meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Baltimore Yacht Club and is a combined meeting of the Board at 1000 hrs followed by a break for lunch, and then the Delegates Meeting begins at 1300 hrs. Lunch will be available in the Club's Dining Room for all that may want to dine. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting as we will be voting

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on the slate for the 2010 CBYCA Officers. Please ensure that a representative from your club is present to cast your vote—voting is a great democratic privilege!

This has been a trying time for a number of CBYCA Officers. Several have been hospitalized: Commodore Kevin Noon, VC Pam Butler, Legislative Director Art Friedman, District A. Rep, Vera Gortowski's husband (Don), Tom Powers our Historian, PC Don Burton and PC Don Antos. However, all are recuperating and are on the mend. Having the month of July off certainly helped with not having to tend to business but just providing ample time to take care of health issues so we can be ready for our duties. We all thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits and e-mails wishing us well and good health. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing all CBYCA Officers, District Representatives and member club delegates at this meeting. Until then, continue to enjoy the boating season.



## Legislative Director's Report

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As most boaters know, ethanol-blended gasoline is very harmful to fiberglass gas tanks. Recreational boaters recently got a boost in their fight against mandated ethanol –blend gasoline. A court in Florida recently refused to dismiss a law suit by a group of boaters against 5 oil companies. The judge stated that federal law encourages the use of ethanol but does not mandate the blend. The boaters contend that the oil companies had a responsibility to warn boaters of the damaging effects of E10 on boat engines and gas tanks. The Florida group is currently in the process of having the suit certified as a class action. Obviously, this is an important issue that will need to be followed closely.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is offering a reverse auction to buy back more than 3,500 commercial limited crab catcher licenses to reduce inactive crabbing licenses. About one third of the licenses have not reported a crab harvest in 5 years. The license holder is to submit a dollar value for their license to the DNR by July 31. The buy back funds are from the federal blue crab fishery disaster funds. Virginia is also developing a buy back fund program.

**Delegates Please Note : The August 15th Delegates meeting location has been changed to Baltimore Yacht Club. See the complete meeting schedule on the back of the Goldenrod insert in this issue.**

**Are you in need of a yacht club uniform? There is a gently worn 44 long available, anyone interested should call Betty Gorman of Baltimore YC at 410-252-4697**



## Rear Commodore's Report

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### CBYCA Crab Cocktail Party at Woodland Gardens, North East, Maryland

**Purpose:** A networking opportunity for member club Rear Commodores with CBYCA District Reps and Officers to build closer ties with CBYCA leadership. Spouses welcome.

**When:** Sat., Sept 12, 2009, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

**Where:** Woodland Gardens, 555 Hances Point Rd., North East, MD, a Lovely Bed & Breakfast home of former Elk River Yacht Club Commodore Linda Hughes, and of North East River Yacht Club Vice Commodore and CBYCA Delegate Roger Hughes

**Accommodations via Boat:** Dinghy or small vessel dockage available at Woodland Gardens pier, located 500 yards west and within view of North East River Yacht Club; larger boat dockage available at North East River Yacht Club by calling club 410.287.6333

**What to Bring:** Favorite crab hors d'oeuvre to share


**FREE:** Libations and Entertainment. Great chance for camaraderie with Yacht Clubs and CBYCA leadership on the move.

**Uniform of the Day:** Crabby Hat and casual club logo attire; your choice of color

**RSVP:** CBYCA Rear Commodore Kay Brawley via email: kbrawley@mindspring.com or phone 410.287.9029 by deadline: Friday, Sept. 4

### Prizes for Best Crab Dish and crabby Hat/Attire


More details to come at CBYCA Delegates meeting on Sat., Aug 15 at Baltimore Yacht Club & via a special email invitation to clubs and CBYCA Leadership-look for it in August. Questions may be directed to CBYCA RC Kay Brawley, kbrawley@mindspring.com or 410.459.6282



A private eastern shore get-a-way situated only one hour from Baltimore or Philadelphia on the Northeast River at the head of the Chesapeake Bay just outside of the charming, historic eastern shore town of North East, Maryland.


VC Roger and Linda Hughes of the NERYC invite you to start your day with a full gourmet breakfast on the large deck or formal dining room looking out over the North East River. Stroll down the pier to enjoy the breeze or the unbelievable sunsets or come by boat and spend the night in comfort in one of our suites.

Woodland Gardens is also available for your Special Occasion or Wedding. Celebrate your special event in the waterfront garden or in the Great Room for winter events. Linda is also Owner/Broker of Bay First Realty, specializing in waterfront properties along the upper Chesapeake Bay.



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# Maryland Legislative Report

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## Hello Fellow Boaters:

What a great summer we've enjoyed on the Chesapeake Bay. Hope you all are getting the most from your boats and if not boating, visiting the many inviting locations and events on the Bay. Some of the items below reflect what has been done in Annapolis during the session that ended April 2009. Also of interest is what has changed and what will remain the same for Knott regulations and for K Noise regs that were requests made to the Boating Regulatory Commission. DNR's decision on these requests, effective 2009 is listed below:

**Annapolis Harbor** : No Change

**Brown's Cove** : 6 Knots all times

**Cambridge Creek** : Extend 6 knots at mouth of creek to include Municipal Basin and Franklin St Boat ramp, also extend the 6 knot channelward.

**Chester River** : No change

**K Noise Level Limits** : Still under Review

**Mill St. John's Creek** : No Change

**Old Severn River Bridge** : Repeal the 6 knot regulation and establish a prohibited zone around fishing pier

**Peach Orchard Cove** : 6 Knots Saturday, Sunday and Holidays all year.

**Rock Creek** : Lower Rock Creek 6 knots Saturday and Sunday and Holidays during boating season, April 15 / October 15

**SAE J 1970** : Still under review

**St Leonard's Creek** : No change

**Tar Creek** : No Change

**HB783** : Gives DNR authority to issue Revenue Bonds,

**Oyster restoration Program** : 3M

**Waterway Improvement Fund** : 6M (to be funded by the PAYGO (Pay as you go))

**DNR** is listed as working with \$71,300,000 for KA05(E) Program Open Space. This program provides funds for the purchase of conservation easements and acquisitions of land.

**SB 644** : Property Tax Credit for Marine Trade Waterfront Property. Authorizes local government to grant tax credit for 'marine trade waterfront property'. This bill takes effect June 1, 2009

**HB 1419** : DNR Fish and Fisheries Laws Violations Penalties

Misdemeanor Violations: Penalties increased from \$500 to \$1000, 1st violation. \$1,000 to \$2,000 for 2nd and 3rd subsequent violation.

**HB1407** : Environmental Trust Fund (surcharge- sunset extension) Extends the termination date of environmental surcharge from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2015. This surcharge is collected by the comptroller and placed in the Environmental Trust Fund for use by the **Power Plant Research Program**

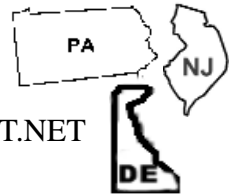
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housed within the **Department of Natural Resources**. The PPRP is entirely funded by this surcharge.. which is obtained thru KWH usage by residential, commercial and industrial users of Electric Power. The amount may not exceed 0.15 mills per KWH or \$1,000 per month for all of the mentioned users



## **Pennsylvania/ New Jersey / Delaware Legislative Report**

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### **Pennsylvania**

The Fish and Boat Commission has newly-hired "big river" biologists for the Susquehanna and Delaware rivers. The Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio are the only rivers to have their own biologist and a research center. Pittsburgh is the second-busiest inland port in the nation, and among counties, Allegheny is second in the country only to Dade County, Fla., for boater registrations.

The Pennsylvania Board of Fish and Boat Commissioners at the quarterly meeting will be asked to add conditions to a grant the agency approved for the Swatara Watershed Association. MEETING AGENDA Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Bureau of Boating and Access. Meeting Description Boating, Committee Meeting Subjects presented by Dan Martin

Results Desired Update Commissioners and Staff on Current Issues

1. Grant to the Schuylkill River Development Corporation, Schuylkill River, Philadelphia County
2. Boating Infrastructure Grant for the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County
3. Allegheny Valley Conservancy, Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement, Allegheny River, Venango County.
4. Swatara Watershed Association, Public Fishing Access and Conservation Easement, Swatara Creek, Lebanon County.
5. Proposed Rulemaking: Amendment to 111.56 (Somerset county)
6. Final Rulemaking: Amendment to 53.8 (Boats) and 97.1 (Personal flotation devices)
7. Final Rulemaking: Amendment to 91.5 (Parental and boat owner responsibility)
8. Final Rulemaking: Amendment to 101.5 (Confidentiality of boating accident reports)
9. Final Rulemaking: Amendment to 105.3 (Unacceptable boating practices)
10. Final Rulemaking: Amendment 109.1 (Air Boats)

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11. Final Rulemaking: Amendment 109.6 (Special marine events)

12. Final Rulemaking: Amendment to 111.17 (Clearfield County)

13. Boating Advisory Board Update

In the 2009 round of the commission's Boating Facility Grant Program, a grant of \$90,000 was approved for the watershed association to buy a 33.69-acre property along 3,341 feet of Swatara Creek near Annville. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has approved a separate grant for \$190,000, also for the acquisition of the property.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is scrambling to name an interim replacement for executive director Doug Austen, who unexpectedly was demoted Tuesday at the agency's quarterly board meeting.

Austen was removed from the commission's day-to-day operations and reassigned to a job handling federal programming -- a position that didn't exist until Monday. He will retain the title and salary of executive director, at least for the time being, said board president Tom Shetterly.

### **Pennsylvania's Stake In The Nation's Newest "National Treasure"**

Pennsylvania has a major stake in President Obama's executive order establishing the Chesapeake Bay as a "National Treasure." The state has two major watersheds draining into the Bay, the Susquehanna and Potomac rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation says cleaning up the Bay means cleaner water for drinking and recreation in Pennsylvania.

### **Boater Exam Pennsylvania Launches Interactive Boater Education Course**

launches its new interactive boater education course as an online option to obtain the Pennsylvania Boating Safety Education Certificate. Now, Pennsylvania residents will have access to an animated and narrated course they can take online when it's convenient for them. This boating education course is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and is, recognized by the US Coast Guard. Students also have access to Boater Exam.com's industry exclusive toll-free customer service help line (1-866-764-2628) from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (central), seven days a week. The boater course and final exam is free: students pay a one-time fee of \$34.95 only when they pass the final exam to obtain their official results.

### **Pennsylvania Boating Association (PBA)**

will hold its annual membership meeting in Harrisburg PA. This will be a luncheon meeting.

The PBA meeting has been scheduled for August 22 at 11:30 at Leeds Restaurant in Harrisburg. 750 Eisenhower Blvd. Harrisburg PA 17111. It is a scheduled luncheon with guests being responsible for their own fare. Directions and information about Leeds can be found at <http://www.restaurantrow.com/MoreInfo.cfm?Code=118282&state=PA>

### **New Jersey**

They're calling it "Operation Dry Water" but this enforcement exercise on the water from Sandy Hook to Cape May Point and into the Delaware Bay is not to

combat mariners getting wet. The word "dry" refers to alcohol.

Operation Dry Water is a joint effort between the U.S. Coast Guard and the State Police to cut down on BUIs, or boating under the influence. The operation will take place in state waters, including the bays and ocean, out to 3 miles.

"It's an enforcement effort looking at boaters who are intoxicated. There will be checkpoints. Busy areas will be the Atlantic City and Cape May areas," Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris McLaughlin said.

### **Delaware BUI**

As part of a national effort to curb incidents of boating under the influence of alcohol, members of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife stepped up patrols recently, hoping to make local waterways a little safer. The massive effort gave law enforcement officers the opportunity to raise awareness of water safety regulations at the peak of the recreational boating season.

Del. Laws, c. 216, 2; 70 Del. Laws, c. 565, 1.) 2302. Operation of a vessel or boat while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or drugs. (a) No person shall motor, sail, row, operate, command or have actual physical control of any vessel or boat underway on Delaware waters.



## **National Boating Federation**

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### **Ethanol Challenges Continue on Capitol Hill**

Lobbying by Growth Energy on its petition to increase ethanol to E15 has intensified in recent weeks. To counter this NBF, working with NMMA and other interest groups, have sent letters to the Senate Committees on Environment and Public Works, Appropriations and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson expressing our opposition to any legislative authorization of mid level ethanol blends as part of the FY 2010 appropriations process. Additional letters to the Senate committees relating to questions on the impact on land use from ethanol production and its contribution to greenhouse gas emissions have also been sent. These are in addition to the many letters we all sent to the EPA at Action Alert on NMMA.org.

### **Interagency Task Force on Oceans Policy**

Based on a memorandum from the President, an Interagency Oceans Policy Task Force has been established to be led by the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The memo directs the task force to provide recommendations within 180 days, with appropriate public input, for the stewardship, preservation and use of our oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes. This of course will have implications to the interests of boating and fishing groups. On Friday, 17 July, NBF and other interest groups were invited to make comments to the CEQ in Washington DC. All participants expressed concerns relating to their own members on the potential impact the policies could have on our use of the waterways.

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## Qualifications Officer Report

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I have talked with one of the new officers of what was going to be Harborview YC in Baltimore. They still appear to be interested in affiliation, and have decided on their name as Inner Harbor Yacht Club. At one time it was called South Harbor YC.

The Sailing Club of Washington (SCOW) expressed interest last year and I have followed up again this year, with an offer to attend one of their meetings and make a presentation. I am waiting a response. The same is true of the Patuxent Sailing Association.

The Patuxent River is major tributary to the Chesapeake Bay which terminates at Drum Point and Solomons Maryland. Bernie Fowler, former Maryland Senator has been trying to return the River to its health as he knew in his youth. Each year he holds a “wade-in” marking on his coveralls the depth at which he can no longer see his white tennis shoes. He then measures it with a yard stick. Not a scientific measurement method, but it has become symbolic and politically effective. This year Bernie was introduced by and joined U. S House Majority Leader, Steny Hoyer, Governor Martin O’Malley, Mike Miller, Maryland Senate President, Senator Roy Dyson and Delegate Sue Kullen, and many others in Bernie’s wade in. The CBYCA was there in the person of John Zalusky, Qualifications Officer. Next year the Wade-In will move from Broom Island to the State’s Jefferson –Patterson Science Center on June 13th. Because the Wade-In is a significant Maryland environmental event it is hoped CBYCA will make its self known by and with a larger presence of officers in uniform – we really stand out.

**Delegates Please Note : We will be voting on the new slate of officers for 2010 at the August 15th Delegates meeting being held at Baltimore Yacht Club. Please plan to attend & cast your vote !**

**For additional report from the Publicity Director and for the meeting schedule, please see the back of the Goldenrod insert.**

## Nominating Committee Report - Revised 7/27/2009

As required by the Constitution and By-Laws of CBYCA, the 2009 Nominating Committee, consisting of A/D Jeanette Baker, A/D Judy Williams, P/C Marty Weiner, Shelly Speicher-Allocco, P/C Earl Waesche, Ernie Molnar and IP/C Coles Marsh, Chairperson, has selected the following slate of candidates for the 2010 elective offices to be voted on at the August 15, 2009 Delegates meeting. All of the candidates selected have expressed their willingness to serve.

Commodore	Pamelia Butler	D	Neptune YC
Vice Commodore	Kay Brawley	D	Elk River YC
Legislative Director	Cecilia Battagini	N	Northeast River YC
Rear Commodore	Bob Parsons	N	Otter Point YC
Qualifications Officer	John Zalusky	C	Solomons Island YC
<u>Directors of State Legislation</u>			
Maryland	Cecilia Battagini	C	Northeast River YC
Virginia	Jacque Knight	C	Mount Vernon YC
Pa / NJ	Art Friedman	C	Delaware River YC
DE	P/C Don Burton	N	Outcast YC
Secretary	Pending		
Treasurer	John Hakemain	C	No.Star Hunter Sail
Publicity Director	June Donofrio	C	Ran-Del YC
<u>District Representatives:</u>			
District A	Vera Gortowski	C	Top of the Bay YC
District B	James Kennedy	C	Quaker City YC
District C	Bryan Ritter	N	Otter Point YC
District D	Richard Bruns	C	Baltimore YC
District E	Michael Death	C	Bodkin YC
District F	Ed Ward	C	Great Oak YC
District G	Dennis Webster	N	Wicomico YC
District H	Gene Schenck	C	Bodkin YC
District I	Harriet Bean	C	Corinthian YC
District J	Howard Gasaway	C	Chesapeake Cruisers Club
District K	Tim Baker	C	Prince William YC
District L	Gene Skidmore	N	Virginia YC

D = Directed      C = Continuing      N = New

Nominating Commt(09-10)	Shelly Speicher-Allocco	Galloway YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	P/C Earl Waesche	Corinthian YC
Nominating Commt (09-10)	Ernie Molnar	Red Eye YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	P/C Jerry Donofrio	Ran-Del YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	Gene Schenck	Bodkin YC
Nominating Commt (10-11)	P/C Fred Levitan	Md. Cruising

Upon completion of his current term of office, Commodore Kevin Noon will serve as IP/C and become Chairperson of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

*Coles Marsh*

IP/C Coles Marsh  
Chairperson



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